

House Resolution No. 291

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Reverend Harold Mayes of Ash Grove, Missouri, who is celebrating fifty years of glorious service in the ministry; and

Whereas, born February 14, 1915, Harold Mayes was a jack-of-all-trades who provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a farmer for several years, carpenter, and owner of a service station in Ash Grove from 1948 to 1951 before accepting the role of preacher at Selmore Christian Church in Ozark on February 11, 1953; and

Whereas, on November 8, 1936, Harold Mayes embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Maxine, a kind and loving woman who has stood by his side in times of both joy and sorrow and has supported his calling as a disciple of the Lord, often joining him in his mission to teach others the Good News of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, a strong supporter of the Bennett Springs Church Camp who held numerous leadership positions and taught classes at the summer camp for two decades, Pastor Mayes was instrumental in the spiritual guidance of the congregations at Seybert Christian Church, Elkland Christian Church, the First Christian Church of Clever, the First Christian Church of Ozark, the First Christian Church of Buffalo, the First Christian Church of Marshfield, Charity Christian Church, and the First Christian Church of Greenfield before joining Pennsboro Christian Church in 1984 and Antioch Christian Church in 1985, both of which he will continue to serve until February 23, 2003; and

Whereas, during the past half century, Pastor Mayes has driven more than 750,000 miles, preached at 1,100 funerals, has assisted in 40 funerals, has sung for 50 funerals, has married 530 couples, baptized 320, and has missed only 50 Sundays because of vacations, illness, or work-related functions; and

Whereas, a talented woodworker, Pastor Mayes has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife of sixty-seven years, Maxine; his two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Linda Mayes of Republic, and Tom and Susie Mayes of Springfield; his two grandsons, Michael Mayes and Tim Mayes; his two step-granddaughters, Julie Small and Michelle Melton; and his two step-great-grandchildren, Aidan and Brenlyn Small; and

Whereas, the lives of countless individuals have been immeasurably enriched because of the loving devotion and heartfelt compassion of Harold and Maxine Mayes:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Harold Mayes and his beloved Maxine as they are honored by the Pennsboro and Antioch Christian Churches for fifty years of achievement in the ministry which have earned them well-deserved retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Harold Mayes, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 291, adopted February 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker